

Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument 20th Anniversary Events

Spring Artists in Residence:

If the words escape you - and you can't believe your eyes - but its music to your ears, then you have found yourself in the company of our Artists in Residence (AiR). These intrepid folks were given creative license to explore GSENM's back of beyond for the past couple weeks and want nothing more than to share that experience with you through their art. What happens when an inspired writer (Becca Worby), musician (Arvel Bird) and photographer (James Tarpley) synthesize the heart of the canyon wilds to celebrate GSENM's 20th anniversary? – You'll be enchanted!

When: various events from May 8-14th, with Amazing Earthfest

Artist Workshops

Where: GSENM's Kanab Visitor Center (745 US Hwy 89 in Kanab, UT)
Photography Workshops: May 9 at 1 – 2:30 PM, and at 6:30 – 8:00 PM MDST
Writing Workshops: May 10 at 1 – 2:30 PM & May 12 at 6:30 – 8 PM MDST
Music Workshops: May 10 at 6:30 – 8 PM & May 11 at 1 – 2:30 PM MDST

Landscape HeART: Triple Sensation Performance

Where: Crescent Moon Theatre (150 S. 100 E. in Kanab, UT)
Performance Date & Time: May 14th begins at 7 PM MDST
Keynote Speaker: author Stephen Trimble*
*Booksigning to follow performance
Cost: Free
Who: Public

2015 Spring Artist in Residence
James Tarpley (and family)
<http://visiophotography.com/>



Science Forum:



GSENM's very own paleontologist, Dr. Alan Titus, rocking a wig & leather

Channel your inner Indiana Jones or head-trip back to the Age of Dinosaurs – either way; you will regale your pals with true tales of cutting edge discoveries at GSENM after attending our Science Forum. Forget podcasts and TV: there's nothing like the opportunity to follow up a mind-blowing presentation from a *Rock Star of Science* by posing your own scintillating observation in the Q&A! You don't have to be a nerd to appreciate how some of our most visually stunning landscapes in the region have microbes to thank. From hummingbirds to oral histories, see what you've been missing from the last 10 years of research on the monument. Bring your 4X4 truck or jump in with a newfound friend for a day of optional field trips on your public lands. Just leave your bullwhip at home.

When: 3 days, August 2-4
Where: Various field & town locations, TBD
Cost: Free
Who: Public

Science Forum: Citizen Science!!

Does the early bird catch the worm, or do early birds catch early birds? If you’ve been inspired by our scientists in the first 2 days of our Science Forum or you brought the kids, help us collect data for the Hummingbird Monitoring Network. Arrive at 7 AM to meet with Ranger Terry, catch hummers, outfit ‘em with an itty bitty Fit Bit (not really), feed and release them. We hope to add the results to the wildlife presentation later that morning.



When: 7 AM MSDT, August 4, 2016

Where: Escalante Interagency Center

Cost: Free

Who: Public

20th Birthday:

Love dinosaurs? Love posting gorgeous photos? Love recreation? Love a monsoon storm? Love the Wild West? Any person who immerses themselves in this landscape of extremes and finds its beauty, intensity, and – dare we say it – monumental character captivating, is our guest for a birthday party. Grab your party hat and join us for birthday cake & lemonade as we toot our own horn to celebrate the day, 20 years ago, when GSENM became a monument!

When: September 18, 2016

Where: GSENM visitor centers in Big Water, Kanab, Cannonville and Escalante, UT

Cost: Free

Who: Anyone who walks through our doors



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Fall Artist in Residence:

You gotta hand it to plein air painters: overcoming dust, bugs and whatever Nature tosses at them, yet *et voila*, they give us a masterpiece. Even if you don't speak French (or even eat French toast) you owe it to yourself to see how a painting of a familiar landscape, seen through the eyes of an artist, can inspire a well spring of emotion. The Artist-in-Residence (AiR) plein painting exhibition provides viewers an opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the natural, cultural and historic resources of the Escalante Canyons and appreciation for the beauty of America's public lands.

When: September 23-24, 2016

Where: Escalante Canyons Art Festival (check *Escalante Canyons Art Festival's* Event Schedule for further details)

Cost: Free

Who: Public



2015 Plein Air Artist-in-Residence Bonnie Griffith (<http://bonniegriffith.com/>)

1st Annual Lower Calf Creek Falls hike :

Canyons, water, blue skies, rock art... That might strike a familiar chord for locals but, for anyone lucky enough to attend Escalante Canyons Art Festival on National Public Lands Day (September 24), it signals a golden opportunity to take it outside, this year and beyond. On this special day, you can forget the fees and join us at the Calf Creek Recreation Area for fun activities that will help you learn about efforts to *Respect & Protect* natural and cultural resources during an optional 6-mile roundtrip hike to an amazing 126-foot waterfall.

When: National Public Lands Day, September 24

Where: Calf Creek Falls Recreation Area

Cost: Free

Who: Visitors to Escalante Canyons Art Festival



The trailhead to Calf Creek Falls (6 miles round-trip) beckons

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Artists in Residence Salute: Honoring our Veterans



*Pioneer Craft House is a 501(c)3 charitable organization in Salt Lake City

Seeking to allow nature’s therapeutic value to emerge through the creation of art within the embrace of a community, this project would meld the auspices of the “Pioneer Craft House’s* Veterans Healing Through Art” program with our Country’s veterans in a remote & rugged landscape: Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. The veterans chosen will explore the heart of the monument for inspiration, while crafting a Native American-style flute with hand tools and learning music fundamentals with guidance from master flute maker Bill Hughes over the course of a week. The veterans, and their journey to express themselves in a new realm, will be featured in a poster.

20th Anniversary Open Houses :

For the last twenty years, GSENM has been “*Learning from the Land*”. Attracted by GSENM’s rich and vast outdoor laboratory, researchers from around the world have been making amazing discoveries on the Monument contributing significantly to mankind’s understanding of our planet’s past and helping us look forward into the future. At the same time, our staff has also conducted research contributing to this wealth of knowledge. GSENM has much to share. As such, we are excited to invite you to attend open houses at our four GSENM Visitor Centers. We can’t wait to see you.

When: November & December, 2016 (exact dates TBD)
Where: GSENM Visitor Centers
Cost: Free
Who: All local citizens

20th Anniversary events thanks to:

